

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Yankton lineman Justin Meyers will attend Dakota State University and play football for the Trojans. Pictured with Meyers, right of center, are (left) Dakota State assistant coach Steven Steele, Yankton assistant coach Dan Mitchell and Yankton head coach Arlin Likness.

### **Meyers Signs With Dakota State**

Yankton High School lineman Justin Meyers has committed to attending Dakota State University and playing football for the Trojans.

Meyers was a leader on the offensive line for Yankton, anchoring a group that helped block for the Bucks

record-setting passing attack. He also played on defense, recording eight tackles.

Meyers is the third Buck senior to officially commit to a college program this year, joining J.J. Hejna (South Dakota State) and Steven McKee (Sioux Falls).

#### **MMC Signs Denning** Marty College anno Tuesday the commitment of Deric Den-

ning, who will graduate from Mount Vernon High School this spring, to attend Mount Marty College this fall and participate in the basketball



nity to coach him.'

named All-Conference as a sophomore

and a junior and is currently averaging

19.5 points while shooting 44 percent

from the field and 74 percent from the

free throw line. Recently, he eclipsed the

basketball family." MMC men's basketball

coach Andrew Baker said, "He is a natu-

ral scorer, leader, and is tough as nails.

He fits our identity very well and we are

Mount Vernon, is undecided about his ac-

ademic major at Mount Marty College. He

is the recipient of a MMC Academic Ex-

cellence Scholarship and a Scholastica

Scholarship in addition to his baseball

**Lancer Softball Inks** 

gram for the 2014-15 softball season.

Brooke Becker is a 5-foot-7

No activities scheduled
Thursday, March 6
BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Regions — 4A

Lennox at Tea Area, 7 p.m.; Beresford at Dakota Val-ey, 7 p.m.; Elk Point-Jefferson at Vermillion, 7 p.m.,

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' S.D. Regions

(Championship — West Central vs. Mount Vernon-Plankinton, 7 p.m.); 5B at Yankton (Gayville-Volin vs. Freeman, 7 p.m., KVHT-FM); Neb. State Tourn. at

incoln (C2 — Crofton vs. Palmyra, 8:45 p.m., KKYA-

AREA CALENDAR

**Brandon Standout** 

Denning, the son of Eric and Sherri of

excited to welcome him as a Lancer."

"Deric is an awesome addition to our

1,000 career point mark.

and basketball awards

Denning

the baseball diamond including middle infield, pitcher and catcher. For his efforts last spring he was selected as a 1st Team All-Region shortstop and pitcher and was named Honorable Mention All-State shortstop. He carried a .333 batting average as a hitter with a .406 on base percentage and on the mound Denning struck out 36 batters in 20 innings of work and posted a 1.40

"I am very excited about the commitment of Deric. We are getting an outstanding student-athlete and the college campus and community is getting an outstanding person," MMC baseball coach Andy Bernatow said. "Deric comes off as a natural leader and with those characteristics can really help a program in so many ways. I am eager to get Deric to campus and look forward to the opportu-

pitcher/outfielder Denning has been just as amazing on that was a four year the basketball court. A five year letter winletter winner for ner and two-time captain, he has been a BVHS and was huge part of the team's basketball sucnamed the Player of cess during his career. He has also been Game

> Her 2013 hitting statistics were: Avg .349, AB 86, R 16,

USSSA Nationals in

H 30, 2B 6, 3B 1 HR 1, RBIs 19, BB 2, SO 14, and SB 5, Her 2013 pitching statistics were: ERA

'I am excited to have Brooke join our softball program next fall, and she will be a great addition to our pitching staff," MMC head softball coach Albert Fernandez said. "Brooke can hit for herself and play outfield as well. She is a great overall fit with our team and the Mount Marty College community.

The daughter of Brent and Misti Becker of Brandon, Brooke will be majoring in nursing at MMC.

#### **North Set For NCAA Meet**

Mount Marty College announced INDIANAPOLIS — Augustana's T.J. Tuesday the athletic signing of Brandon North and Jayd Docken have earned bids Valley High School student athlete, into the NCAA Division II Wrestling Brooke Becker, to the Lancer softball pro-Championships, March 14-15 in Cleve-

North, a sophomore 125-pounder

FM, KVHT-FM; D2 - Wynot vs. Bancroft-Rosalie,

10:45 a.m., KVHT-FM)
TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR NAIA

Friday, March 7

BASKETBALL, BOYS' S.D. Districts — 2AA
(YHS vs. S.F. Lincoln, 7 p.m., KYNT-AM, KVHT-FM);
9B at Freeman (Championship — Semifinal winners,

7 p.m.); 10B at Tea (Championship - Semifinal win

from Elk Point, holds a 30-3 record, including 19-0 against Division II opponents, he will face Patrick Mestrez of Belmont Abbey in his first round match. Docken (17-3), a 2013 All-American, will face Paco Retana of Colorado Mesa University in his opener at 197 pounds.

**Becker** 

**Tourney April 5-6** SIOUX FALLS — The Pacesetter South Dakota youth basketball championships will be held April 5-6 in Sioux 2.84, W-L 21-7, H 141, BB 31, and SO

**Pacesetter State** 

Play on April 5 will include sixth and eighth grade boys, and fifth, seventh and ninth grade girls. Play on April 6 will include sixth and eighth grade girls, and

fifth, seventh and ninth grade boys. Teams are guaranteed three games. For more information, go online to www.pacesetternet.com.

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#### SCOREBOARD

#### **BASKETBALL** YANKTON PARKS & REC MEN'S JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

RESULTS: All Seasons Powersports def. Cortrust Bank 60-55; Yankton Ag def. Pippen Ain't Easy 50-35; Allata Meat def. KPI-Budweiser 67-55; Plains All Ameri-

cans def. Night-N-Day 49-40.

MEN'S COMPETITIVE LEAGUE
RESULTS: Flint Tropics def. Nash
Potatoes 88-63; Neighborhood Dental/Kaiser Heating and Cooling def. Ben's Brewing Company 90-63 STANDINGS: Neighborhood Dental-Kaiser Heating & Cooling 8-1, Flint Tropics 8-1, Ben's Brewing Company 4-5 Horn Law Office 1-7 Nash Potatoes 1-8

### TUESDAY'S S.D. BOYS

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 60. Water-Sioux Falls Roosevelt 73. Brookings

Semifinals Sioux Falls Lincoln 65. Sioux Falls

Washington 54 Yankton 54, Brandon Valley 37 **District 3AA** 

Huron 78. Mitchell 45 Pierre 58, Aberdeen C Region 2A

First Round Deubrook 56. Redfield/Doland 54 Hamlin 57, Deuel 17

Flandreau 77, Flandreau Indian 50 Sioux Falls Christian 49, Garretson

Region 6A Miller 91, Crow Creek 58 Mobridge-Pollock 56, Winner 51

Region 7A Todd County 64, Little Wound 57 Region 8A First Round

Hot Springs 66, Hill City 32 District 2B Semifinals Aberdeen Christian 46, Warner 45

Belle Fourche 63, Lead-Deadwood

Eureka/Bowdle 58. Herreid/Selbv

Hitchcock-Tulare 71. Lower Brule 42

Sully Buttes 71, Sunshine Bible Academy 56 District 5B Castlewood 86, Lake Preston 69

James Valley Christian 75, Wessington Springs 49 Wolsey-Wessington 61, Sanborr

Elkton-Lake Benton 62. Colman-Egan 29

District 8B Ethan 67, Bridgewater-Emery 39 Hanson 73. Canistota 56

District 9B eman 64, Menno 46 Parker 61, Freeman Academy 35 District 10B

Centerville 76, Alcester-Hudson 50 Viborg-Hurley 53, Irene-Wakonda 49 District 11B Semifinals Corsica/Stickney 52, Tripp-Del-

District 12B

Gregory 60, Colome 44 Marty Indian 56, South Central 47

TUESDAY'S S.D. GIRLS

Region 4A Final Region 7B Final
Lyman 48, New Underwood 44 Region 8B Final

TUESDAY'S NEB. BOYS A-7 Tournament Fina Lincoln Southeast 69, Norfolk 52

**B-1 Tournament Finals** Lincoln Pius X 46. Waverly 25 Catholic 46

B-3 Tournament Finals

Omaha Roncalli 56, Bennington 54 **B-4 Tournament Finals**Beatrice 60, York 45 District D1-6 Finals North Platte St. Patrick's 60. District D2-1 Finals **B-5 Tournament Finals** Exeter/Milligan 63, Falls City Sacred Grand Island Northwest 33, Aurora

B-6 Tournament Finals Scottsbluff 67, Gering 56

District D1-1 Finals Nebraska City Lourdes 59, Bruning-

#### Hitchcock County 58, Paxton 54 District D2-6 Finals Leyton 35, Cody-Kilgore 21 **USA TODAY WOMEN'S TOP 25**

POLL

Davenport/Shickley 43

District D1-2 Finals

District D1-4 Finals

District D1-5 Finals

District D2-2 Finals
High Plains Community 67, Bancroft

District D2-3 Finals

District D2-4 Finals Elwood 57, Kenesaw 48 District D2-5 Finals

Overton 70, Cambridge 48

Fullerton 52, Shelton 36

Howells/Dodge 62, Randolph 60, OT District D1-3 Finals

The top 25 teams in the USA Today women's college basketball poll, with firstplace votes in parentheses, records through March 3, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous

Record Pts Pvs

8. West Virginia 10. Duke 499 447 1. Penn State 22-6 439 417 381 Nebraska 16. Purdue 287 7. N.C. State California 175 135 21. Iowa State

105 79 73 22. Middle Tenn 23. Michigan State 23-6 Others receiving votes: Oregon State

40, BYU 39, Arizona State 28, Bowling Green 20, LSU 18, Texas 14, Georgia 12 4, Iowa 3, St. John's 3, Chattanooga 2, Rutgers 2, James Madison 1, South

### NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSO-

Monday's Gar

Maryland

Tennessee

South Carolina

Memphis 110, Washington 104 Brooklyn 96, Chicago 80 Miami 124, Charlotte 107 Detroit 96. New York 85

ners, 7 p.m.); 11B at Mitchell (Championship — Semi-final winners, 6:30 p.m.); 12B at Mitchell (Championship — Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.); S.D.

Minnesota 132, Denver 128 L.A. Lakers 107, Portland 106 Sacramento 96, New Orleans 89 Tuesday's Games Golden State 98, Indiana 96 San Antonio 122, Cleveland 101 Houston 106, Miami 103

L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Wednesday's Games Houston at Orlando, 6 p.m. Utah at Washington, 6 p.m. Indiana at Charlotte, 6 p.m. Memphis at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m. Golden State at Boston, 6:30 p.m Chicago at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Dallas at Denver, 7 p.m. New York at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.

## **TRANSACTIONS**

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to erms with LHP Johan Santana on a minor

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Austin Adams, Corey Kluber, C.C. Lee and Bryan Shaw; LHPs T.J. House and Colt Hynes; and INF Lon-nie Chisenhall on one-year contracts. Named Gregg Langbehn major league re-play coordinator.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Named Ted Lilly special assistant to the president of base-ball operations and general manager. LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Pedro Baez, OF Nick Buss, RHP Stephen Fife, RHP Yimi Garcia and

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Stetson Tourn. at Ded, Fla. (USD vs. Stetson, 5:30 p.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE INDOOR NAIA

LHP Jarret Martin to their minor league camp. Reassigned RHP Sam Demel, C Griff Erickson, LHP Daniel Moskos, C Chris O'Brien and LHP Chris Reed to their

BASKETBALL, GIRLS' Neb. State Tourn, at Lin-

(C2 — Crofton; D2 — Wynot) **HOCKEY, BOYS' JV** S.D. State Tourn. at Ab-

minor league camp. WASHINGTON NATIONALS

on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association CHARLOTTE BOBCATS — Signed C Justin Hamilton to a 10-day contract.

DALLAS MAVERICKS — Assigned G
Gal Mekel to Texas (NBADL).

MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Signed F

Tony Mitchell to a 10-day contract FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS — Named Buddy Morris strength and conditioning

ATI ANTA FALCONS — Re-signed DT Corey Peters to a one-year contract. Announced the retirement of RB Jason

DETROIT LIONS — Released G Leroy Harris. Signed DT Corvey Irvin.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Released WR Jason Avant. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Re-

leased CB Derek Cox, CB Johnny Patrick and FB Le'Ron McClain. WASHINGTON REDSKINS -Waived RB Jawan Jamison and RB Davin Meggett. Terminated the contracts of DE

Adam Carriker, TE Richard Quinn and P

# **Huskies**

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Area

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Tuesday.

27-18 at halftime.

Huskies and went 4-7 from the three.

For the Orioles, Jessica Herboldt scored seven points with five rebounds and Taylor Anderson grabbed a game high seven rebounds.

In the second half the Huskies shot 60-percent form

**Gregory 60, Colome 44** 

double-double and Andrew Taggart had

11 points to lead Gregory over Colome 60-44 in the District 12B semifinals on

Thomas posted 15 points and 12 re-

For Colome (11-10), Holden Thieman

had 15 points and 14 rebounds, while

Reed Harter and Terrance Kinzer both

**Region 6A** 

MOBRIDGE — Mitchell Heumiller

Mobridge-Pollock 56,

bounds for the Gorillas (16-5), who led

GREGORY — Gavin Thomas had a

the floor and went 3-5 from the three, and the Orioles shot 52 percent from the floor and 2-4 from the three. The Huskies averaged of 52pecent of their 46 shots on basket put them ahead of the Orioles 38-percent game shot total average.

The Huskies took command of the game early and continued to pull away grabbing the victory over Lennox

Next the Huskies will look

scored 18 points and three teammates

also reached double figures as Mobridge-

Pollock heat Winner 56-51 in the first

round of the Region 6A Tournament on

Mobridge-Pollock, while Mason Keller

had 12 points and Noah Chase chipped

Nathan Galbraith and Brendan Harter

both scored 13 points, while Devon Leife-

top-seeded Cheyenne-Eagle Buttle on

District 6B

**James Valley Christian** 

75, Wess. Springs 49

points and two teammates reached dou-

ble figures as top-seeded James Vallev

Christian rolled past Wessington Springs

Mobridge-Pollock advances to face

.....14 31 40 51 .....14 28 41 56

in with 10 points.

man had 10 points.

Thursday in Eagle Butte.

season-

Preston Frederick added 13 points for

to continue their winning

'We need to be a little bit

round of the State Tourna-

streak as they enter the first

more consistent with our offense," Nebelsick said. "Defensive pressure has been our big thing and we'll continue to do that.

'We are all so excited," Bertram said. "This is our goal that we set last year when we lost the district championships and we've been working towards that goal all season and its great."

Alex Waldner added 16 points for JVC

Jevon Hohn scored 11 points for

James Valley Christian will meet

Wessington Springs (7-15) and Braden

(20-1), while Andrew Ulvestad scored 12

# 1. UConn (31) Cards

Nordhues, who had a teamleading 25 points, hit a 3pointer to give Randolph its largest second-half advantage of 38-30 with 6:24 to play. The Jags, who made 11-of-18 shots from behind the arc in the final period and overtime, then made three straight triples. Jesse Faltys' pullup jumper in the lane tied it 41-all with 2:52

left in regulation. Nordhues then made two free throws with 1:12 remaining to give Randolph a 47-43 edge. Jags senior Luke Hegemann, who was bottled up inside all game, hit a 3 on the ensuing possession. After the Cards struggled to get the ball in, burning two timeouts, Nordues hit two more free throws then knocked down one of his five triples to knot it up at 49all with 20 seconds left. Randolph had a chance to

with 40.4 to go. Trevor Blum

win it in regulation but Nordhues' shot in the lane with under five seconds left rimmed out and Watters' putback wasn't released until after time ex-

After Howells-Dodge took the lead on its first possession of overtime the Cardinals con trolled the extra session by scoring eight straight points to go up 59-52 on a made free throw by Logan Nordhues with 22 seconds left.

The highlight of Hegemann's 26-point effort was a 4point play cut it to 59-56 with 15.2 seconds left. After a few more anxious moments, Watters clinched the win by making two free throws with 2.6 seconds left.

"We made enough plays offensively and we made enough Mark Anderson said. "We made plays when we needed to. It's a credit to our kids.' It was the Cardinals' de-

free throws," Randolph coach

fense in the first half that proved to be the difference. Randolph didn't allow a made first-quarter field goal (0-for-5) and never allowed Hegemann, who averages 18.1 points and 10.1 rebounds per game, to establish position inside. The Cardinals beat the lags man man defense consistently in the first half to hold leads of 11-3 and 20-12 before going into halftime up 20-14.

"Mr. A (Anderson) told us that we had to keep Hegemann off the boards," Watters said after scoring 17 points. "Get him out of the post and to let them shoot from the outside. We did that the first half and they didn't hit much. At the end, they started hitting, but we stuck to our gameplan and played hard."

# **Bucks**

Winner 51

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Haynes said. "Then J.J. and Jacob Adams (nine points) went one-on-one all game, and they've been doing that

for years.' Brandon Valley answered Yankton's first two scores in the game, but the Bucks quickly built a 13-5 lead. The Lynx got to within five, 19-14, late in the second quarter, but back-to-back scores by Olson stretched the lead back to double-figures.

Hejna had 10 of Yankton's first 19 points.

"We had the size advantage, and the guards did a good job of getting the ball inside," Hejna said. "The first two times, Brandon Valley switched on the screens, and we did a better job of taking advantage of mismatches.'

Yankton opened the sec-

75-49 in the District 6B semifinals Tuesond half on a 5-0 run to take a 31-18 lead. The Lynx answered with inside scores to

cut the margin to nine, but a

Reid Sawatzke three-pointer

late in the period stretched the margin to 10. The Lynx would not come closer than 10 points the rest of the way, as Hale hit two of his three-pointers and Hejna scored seven points in the

fourth period. "If J.J.'s open, we give it to him," Hale said. "If I have the outside shot going, we still look inside first but I can take

it outside. Yankton now looks to earn a state tournament berth for the first time since 2008. Lincoln, which handed the Bucks their worst setback of the season (72-45 on Jan. 14), stands in their way.

"Lincoln is a very talented team that hasn't won as many games as they'd have liked," Haynes said. "But they were preseason number one. Of our 21 games, we were only out of one, and we were

Wolsey-Wessington in Thursday's championship game in Huron. WESSINGTON SPRINGS (7-15)......14 25 37 49 JAMES VALLEY CHRISTIAN (20-1)......19 38 58 75 **Wolsey-Wessington 61,** 

Jones had 10 points.

Sanborn C.-Woon. 51 HURON — Lorenzo Williams scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Wolsey Wessington past Sanborn Central-Woonsocket 61-51 in Tuesday night's District 6B semifinals.

Ryne Johnson had 11 points for Wolsey-Wessington (17-11), while Bennett White also had 11 points. Alex Babcock hauled in 10 rebounds. In the loss for SCW (17-4), Tyler

Krueger scored 13 points, while Davion Brooks posted 12 points and 11 rebounds.
WOLSEY-WESSINGTON (17-11).......15 31 46 61
SANBORN CENTRAL-WOON. (17-4)....11 20 31 51

out of it from the get-go." After Tuesday's win, the Bucks were not as much focused on their next opponent as they were making sure

they brought the same effort

on Friday. 'We need to come out with the same intensity," Hejna said. "Everyone needs to do whatever it takes."

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Ryan Olson 2-7 0-1 5, Reid Sawatzke 2-8 0-0 6, Lane Sawatzke 2-2 2-2 6, J.J. Hejna 6-13 4-5 20, Brady Hale 6-12 0-0 15, Tanner Frick 0-0 0-0 0, Chipper Gran-flaten 1-2 0-0 2, TOTALS: 21-44 6-8 54. BRANDON VALLEY (12-9) Nic Peterson 1-8 1-2 3, Devan West 6-8 0-0 12, Jacob Adams 4-17 0-0 9, Derek Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Austin Trevino 2-6 0-0 6, Dominic Nealy 0-0 1-2 1, Drew Reinschmidt 0-0 0-0 0, Ryan Immeker 0-0 0-0 0, Tyler Erck 0-0 0-0 0, Kevin Petersen 0-0 0-0 0, Peter Choudek 3-6 0-0 6. TOTALS: 16-47 2-4 37.

YANKTON (13-8)

U-3, West U-1, Jonsson U-1), Rebounds: Y 30 (Hejna 11), BV 24 (Adams 7, Johnson 7), Personal Fouls: BV 10, Y 9. Fouled Out: None. Assists: Y 13 (Hejna 5), BV 11 (Peterson 3, Adams 3). Turnovers: BV 14, Y 12. Blocked Shots: BV 2, Y 0. Steals: Y 8 (L. Sawatzke 3), BV 6 (West 2, Adams 2).

# Wynot

out, Wynot's Brady Stratman sunk a trey-ball with around three minutes remaining, giving the Blue Devils some hope at 28-19 down the stretch of the second quarter.

After a tough and physical first half, Spalding-Spalding Academy was able to hold a 33-22 lead over Wynot. The Blue Devils came out

of the gates roaring, scoring

seven unanswered points, thrashing the Knights lead down to 33-29. Weston Pfeifer answered back for Spalding-Spalding Academy, as he connected on

an and-one lay-up with 4:30

left in the third quarter. Just as the Knights found some breathing room, with two minutes remaining in the third period, Cody Stratman went coast-to-coast for the Blue Devils, cutting the lead to

"We executed greatly there, we hit a couple shots

and got ourselves back into contention at that point," Heimes said. "On the defensive end, we just couldn't get stops when we needed too. As time expired in the third quarter, Jalen Wieseler

sunk a deep three-pointer to cut the lead at 42-34 going into the final quarter. Halfway through the final period, Cain Haschke used a power post-move to give his Knights breathing room at 50-

Late in the fourth quarter, with both teams in the double-bonus, Spalding-Spalding Academy was able to out shoot Wynot.

The Knights defeated the Blue Devils 62-54, earning a second consecutive trip to the state tournament in Lincoln. Heimes was disspointed

with his squads effort, but happy with how tough they "We had a great season

this year," he said. "I couldn't have asked for anything more from our seniors. They are

fighters and believers, and until the bell rang, they fought their hearts out.

Imus is focusing on the first game for the state tournament and will be scouting hard, as they have only played four D2 schools this season. "D2 is incredibly deep this

season," Imus said. "We haven't played many D2 schools this year, so hopefully we can adapt and advance. It doesn't matter the seed, once you're down there, anything can happen.'

Imus is proud of his team and is ready to take on a very tough task at the Nebraska state tournament next week-

"In order to compete for a title, we're going to need to work on our free-throws and our depth off of the bench,"

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